THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) During the third week of July, 2000, cases of fever not responding to usual treatment were admitted in hospitals in and around Kalyan. The disease was suspected to be leptospirosis and this was confirmed subsequently by laboratory diagnosis.

Till 16.8.2000, 158 cases were admitted as confirmed cases of Leptospirosis out of which 12 patients have died.

Government of India immediately on receipt of news sent experts with diagnostic kits from the Indian Council of Medical Research and National Institute of Communicable Diseases to help the State authorities to control the outbreak. The situation is under control.

Implementing the Pay Commission's Recommendations in RML Hospital

3457. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recommendations of the pay commission could not be implemented with regard to the Group C and D employees of RML Hospital till date; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) As per information available, the Vth Pay Commission recommendations in respect of Group C and D employees of RML Hospital have been implemented except in the cases of OT Technicians and Radiographers. Grant of enhanced scale of pay to OT Technicians and Radiographers as against the replacement scale of pay is under consideration.

Reducing Maternal and Infant Mortality Rates

3458. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of health sub centers, primary health centers and community health centers required for reducing maternal and infant mortality rates and successful running of family planning programme, to control population in the country; and